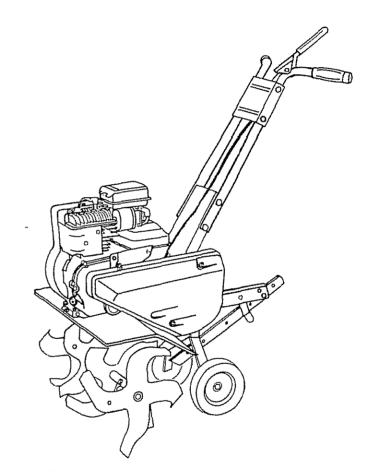
Owner's Manual **CRAFTSMAN®** 3.75 HP 17 INCH TINE WIDTH FRONT TINE TILLER

Model No. 917.292200

- Safety
- Assembly
- Operation
- Maintenance
- Repair Parts





This product has a low emission engine which operates differently from previously built engines. Before you start the engine, read and understand this Owner's Manual.

CAUTION: Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions before operating this equipment

For answers to your questions about this product, Call:

1-800-659-5917 Sears Craftsman Help Line 5 am - 5 pm, Mon - Sat

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WARRANTY

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN TILLER

For one (1) year from date of purchase, when this Craftsman Tiller is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the operating and maintenance instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair free of charge any defect in material or workmanship. This Warranty does not cover:

- Expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as tines, spark plugs, air cleaners and belts.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crankshafts and the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.
- If this Craftsman Tiller is used for commercial or rental purposes, this Warranty applies for only thirty (30) days from the date of purchase.

Warranty service is available by returning the craftsman power mower to the nearest sears service center/department in the united states. This warranty applies only while this product is in use in the united states.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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SAFETY RULES

TRAINING

- Read the Owner's Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the unit and disengage the controls quickly.
- Never allow children to operate the equipment. Never allow adults to operate the equipment without proper instruction.
- Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children, and pets.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all foreign objects.
- Disengage all clutches and shift into neutral before starting the engine (motor).

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- Do not operate the equipment without wearing adequate outer garments. Wear footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
- Use an approved fuel container.
- Never add fuel to a running engine or hot engine.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
- Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel before restarting.
- Use extension cords and receptacles as specified by the manufacturer for all units with electric drive motors or electric starting motors.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine (motor) is running (except where specifically recommended by manufacturer).

OPERATION

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
- Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic. Do not carry passengers.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the tiller for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the tiller.
- Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling.
- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Stop the engine (motor) when leaving the operating position.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage the tines, shift into neutral, and stop the engine.
- Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, shut off the engine and make certain all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting. Disconnect the cord on electric motors.
- Do not run the engine indoors; exhaust fumes are dangerous.
- Never operate the tiller without proper guards, plates, or other safety protective devices in place.
- · Keep children and pets away.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate.
- Never operate the machine at high speeds on slippery surfaces. Look behind and use care when backing.
- Never allow bystanders near the unit.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller (such as wheel weights, counterweights, cabs, and the like).
- Never operate the tiller without good visibility or light.
- Be careful when tilling in hard ground. The tines may catch in the ground and propel the tiller forward. If this occurs, let go of the handlebars and do not restrain the machine.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Keep machine, attachments, and accessories in safe working condition.
- Check shear pins, engine mounting bolts, and other bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters, clothes dryers, and the like. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- Always refer to the operator's guide instructions for important details if the tiller is to be stored for an extended per od.

CAUTION: Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug in order to prevent acc dental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.

WARNING: The engine exhuast from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defectd, or other reproductive harm.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

HORSEPOWER:	3.75 HP
DISPLACEMENT:	9.03 CU. IN. (148CC)
GASOLINE CAPACITY:	2 Quarts Unleaded Regular
OIL (API-SF/SG/SH):	SAE 30 (Above 32°F)
(CAPACITY: 20 oz.)	SAE 5W-30 (Below 32°F)
SPARK PLUG : (GAP: .030")	Champion J19LM

Congratulations on your purchase of a Sears Tiller. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problems you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest authorized Sears Service Center/Department. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this unit.

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tiller properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES".

Your new tiller has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tiller all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to insure proper tightness.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your tiller.
- Follow the instructions under the "Customer Responsibilities" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

WARNING: This unit is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. See your Sears Authorized Service Center for spark arrester. Refer to the Repair Parts section of this manual for part number.

ACCESSORIES

These accessories were available when the tiller was purchased. They are also available at most Sears Retail outlets and Service Centers. Most Sears Stores can order repair parts for you when you provide the model number of your tiller.

ENGINE

SPARK PLUG	MUFFLER	AIR FILTER	GAS CAN	ENGINE OIL	STABILIZER

TILLER MAINTENANCE

BELT	TINES	CLEVIS PIN	HAIRPIN CLIP
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BAG OF PARTS

TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY

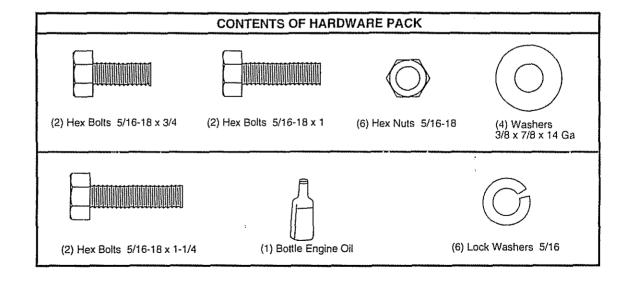
A socket wrench set will make assembly easier. Standard wrench sizes are listed.

- (1) Utility knife
- (1) Pair of pliers
- (1) Screwdriver
- (2) 1/2" wrenches

When right or left hand is mentioned ir this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (standing

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Operator's Position



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OPERATOR'S POSITION

behind tiller handles).

ASSEMBLY

UNPACK CARTON & INSTALL HAN-DLE

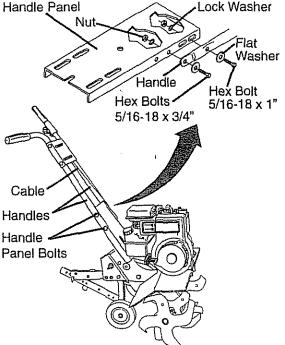
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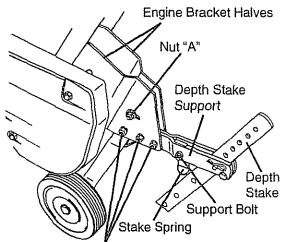
IMPORTANT:: When uNpacking and assembling tiller, be careful not to stretch or kinK cable(s).

- Cut cable ties securing handles.
- The handle may be assembled in high or low position. Slowly lift handle assembly up and align handle holes with desired handle panel hole and slot.
- Loosely assemble hardware as shown. Be sure the shorter (3/4" long) hex bolt is assembled

in lower hole of handle. Repeat for opposite side. Tighten all hardware securely.

Cut cable ties securing tiller to skid and remove tiller from skid.





Hex Bolts, Lockwashers, and Hex nuts

HANDLE HEIGHT

 Handle height may be adjusted to better suit operator. (See "HANDLE HEIGHT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TILLING WIDTH

 Tilling width may be adjusted to better handle your tilling conditions (See "TINE ARRANGEMENT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TINE OPERATION

 Check tine operation before first use. (See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

INSTALL DEPTH STAKE ASSEMBLY

- Loosen nut "A".
- Insert stake support between engine bracket halves with stake spring down.
- Bolt stake support to engine brackets with bolts, lock washers and nuts. Tighten securely. Tighten nut "A".
- Depth stake must move freely. If it does not, loosen support bolt.

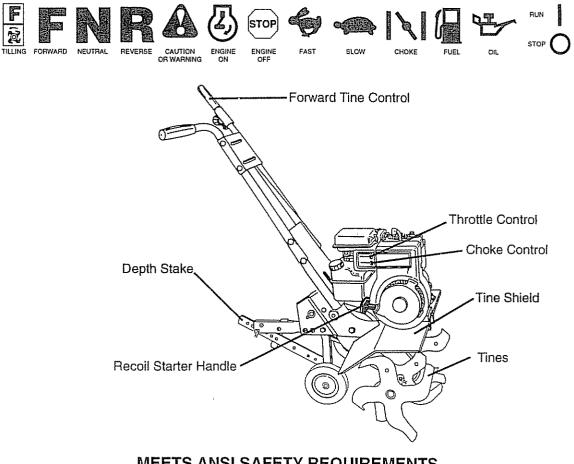
OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TILLER

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TILLER.

Compare the illustrations with your tiller to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

These symbols may appear on your Tiller or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning.



MEETS ANSI SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Sears tillers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute

FORWARD TINE CONTROL. - Engages
tines in forward direction.DEPTH STAKE - Controls forward speed
and the depth at which the tiller will dig.CHOKE CONTROL - Used when starting a
cold engine.RECOIL STARTER HANDLE - Used to
start the engine.THROTTLE CONTROL - Controls engine
speed.Start the engine.

OPERATION .

The operation of any tiller can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your tiller and while tilling. We recommend a wide vision safety mask over the spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TILLER

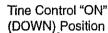
Know how to operate all controls before adding fuel and oil or attempting to start engine.

STOPPING

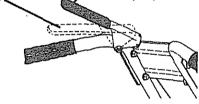
TINES

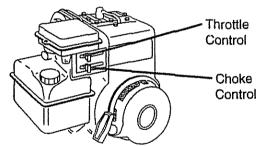
• Release tine control to stop movement. **ENGINE**

- · Move throttle control to "STOP" position.
- Never use choke to stop engine.



Forward Tine Control "OFF (UP) Position





TINE OPERATION

FORWARD

· Squeeze forward tine control to handle.

TILLING

The speed and depth of tilling is regulated by the position of the depth stake and wheel height.

The depth stake should always be below the wheels for digging. It serves as a brake to slow the tiller's forward motion to enable the tines to penetrate the ground. Also, the more the depth stake is lowered into the ground the deeper the tines will dig.

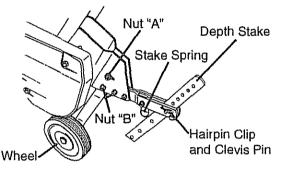
DEPTH STAKE

Adjust depth stake by removing the hairpin clip and clevis pin. Change depth stake to desired position. Replace the clevis pin and hairpin clip. • For normal tilling, set depth stake at the second or third hole from the top.

WHEELS

Adjust wheels by removing the hairpin clip and clevis pin. Change wheel position. Replace the hairpin clip and clevis pin.

• For normal tilling, set wheels at the second or third hole from the top.



TRANSPORTING YOUR TILLER

CAUTION: Before lifting or transporting, allow tiller engine and muffler to cool. Disconnect spark plug wire. Drain gasoline from fuel tank.

AROUND THE YARD

- Tip depth stake forward until it is held by the stake spring.
- Push tiller handles down, raising tines off the ground.
- Push or pull tiller to desired location.

AROUND TOWN

- Disconnect spark plug wire.
- · Drain fuel tank.
- Transport in upright position to prevent oil leakage.

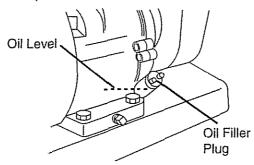
BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

IMPORTANT: Be very careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when checking or adding oil or fuel. Use clean oil and fuel and store in approved, clean, covered containers. use clean fill funnels.

FILL ENGINE WITH OIL

- Remove hangtag from engine.
- With engine level, remove engine oil filler plug.
- Fill engine with oil to point of overflowing. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 4 of this manual.

- Tilt tiller back on its wheels and then relevel.
- With engine level, refill to point of overflowing if necessary. Replace oil filler plug.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- To change engine oil, see the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual.



ADD GASOLINE

 Fill fuel tank. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life.)

IMPORTANT: When operating in Temperatures below 32°F (0°C), use fresh, clean, winter grade gasoline to help insure good cold weather starting.

WARNING: Experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer. Drain the gas tank, start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage section of this manual for additional information. Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.

CAUTION: Fill to within 1/2 inch of top of fuel tank to prevent spills and to allow for fuel expansion. If gasoline is accidentally spilled, move machine away from area of spill. Avoid creating any source of ignition until gasoline vapors have disappeared. Do not overfill. Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

TO START ENGINE

CAUTION: Keep tine control in "OFF" position when starting engine.

When starting engine for the first time or if engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra pulls of the recoil starter to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

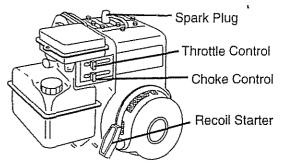
- Make sure spark plug wire is properly connected.
- Place throttle control in "FAST" position.
- Move choke control to full "CHOKE" position. Grasp recoil starter handle with one hand and grasp tiller handle with other hand. Pull rope out slowly until engine reaches start of compression cycle (rope will pull slightly harder at this point).
- Pull recoil starter handle quickly. Do not let starter handle snap back against starter. Repeat if necessary.
- If engine fires but does not start, move choke control to half choke position. Pull recoil starter handle until engine starts.
- When engine starts, slowly move choke control to "RUN" position as engine warms up.

NOTE: A warm engine requires less choking to start.

- Move throttle control to desired running position.
- Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging tines.

NOTE: If at a high altitude (3000 feet) or in cold temperatures (below 32°F), the carburetor fuel mixture may need to be adjusted for best engine performance. See "TO ADJUST CARBURETOR" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

NOTE: If engine does not start, see troubleshooting points.



BREAKING IN YOUR TILLER

Break-in your belt(s), pulleys and tine control before you actually begin tilling.

- Start engine, tip tines off ground by pressing handles down and engage tine control to start tine rotation. Allow tines to rotate for five minutes.
- Check tine operation and adjust if necessary. See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

TILLING HINTS

CAUTION: Until you are accustomed to handling your tiller, start actual field use with throttle in slow position (mid-way between "FAST" and "IDLE"). To help tiller move forward, lift up the handles slightly (thus lifting depth stake out of ground). To slow down the tiller, press down on handles.

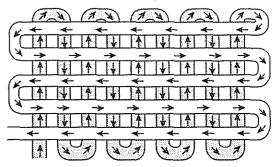
If you are straining or tiller is shaking, the wheels and depth stake are not set properly in the soil being tilled. The proper setting of the wheels and depth stake is through trial and error and depends upon the soil condition. (The harder or wetter the ground, the slower the engine and tine speed needed. Under these poor conditions, at fast speed the tiller will run and jump over the ground).

A properly adjusted tiller will dig with little effort from the operator.

- Tilling is digging into, turning over, and breaking up packed soil before planting. Loose, unpacked soil helps root growth. Best tilling depth is 4" to 6". A tiller will also clear the soil of unwanted vegetation. The decomposition of this vegetable matter enriches the soil. Depending on the climate (rainfall and wind), it may be advisable to till the soil at the end of the growing season to further condition the soil.
- Soil conditions are important for proper tilling. Tines will not readily penetrate dry, hard soil which may contribute to excessive bounce and difficult handling of your tiller. Hard soil should be moistened before tilling; however, extremely wet soil will "ball-up" or clump during tilling. Wait until the soil is less wet in order to achieve the best results. When tilling in the fall, remove vines and long grass to prevent them from wrapping around the tine shaft and slowing your tilling operation.
- You will find tilling much easier if you leave a row untilled between passes.

Then go back over the entire area at right angles. There are two reasons for doing this. First, wide turns are much easier to negotiate than about-faces. Second, the tiller won't be pulling itself, and you, toward the row next to it.

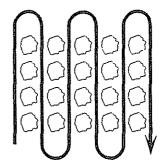
 Set depth stake and wheel height for shallow tilling when working extremely hard soil or sod. Then work across the first cuts at normal depth.



CULTIVATING

Cultivating is destroying the weeds between rows to prevent them from robbing nourishment and moisture from the plants. At the same time, breaking up the upper layer of soil crust will help retain moisture in the soil. Best digging depth is 1" to 3".

- You will probably not need to use the depth stake. Begin by tipping the depth stake forward until it is held by the stake spring.
- Cultivate up and down the rows at a speed which will allow tines to uproot weeds and leave the ground in rough condition, promoting no further growth of weeds and grass.



MAINTENANCE

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Inspect Spark Arrester / Muffler				V						Γ		
Inspect Air Screen	4											
Clean or Replace Air Cleaner Cartridge				V 2					Γ			
Clean Engine Cylinder Fins				~				Í		Ι		
Replace Spark Plug				V								

Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
 Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this tiller does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, operator must maintain tiller as instructed in this manual. Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your tiller.

All adjustments in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual should be checked at least once each season.

 Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check tines and belt for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

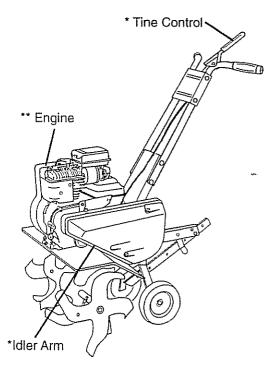
BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check tine operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION

Keep unit well lubricated (See "LUBRICA-TION CHART") .

LUBRICATION CHART



* SAE 30 OR 10W30 MOTOR OIL ** REFER TO CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILI-TIES "ENGINE " SECTION. Disconnect spark plug wire before performing any maintenance (except carburetor adjustment) to prevent accidental starting of engine.

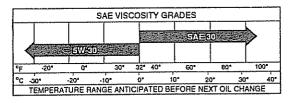
Prevent fires! Keep the engine free of grass, leaves, spilled oil, or fuel. Remove fuel from tank before tipping unit for maintenance. Clean muffler area of all grass, dirt, and debris.

Do not touch hot muffler or cylinder fins as contact may cause burns.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Use only high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF, SG or SH. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected temperature.



NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W-30, 10W-30, etc.) improve starting in cold weather, these multi-viscosity oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F (0°C). Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tiller is not used for 25 hours in one year.

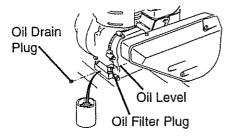
Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each five (5) hours of continuous use. Add SAE 30 motor oil or equivalent. Tighten oil filler plug securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SF, SG or SH.

- Be sure tiller is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- · Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove drain plug.
- Tip tiller forward to drain oil.
- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Remove oil filler plug. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine.

• Refill engine with oil. See "FILL ENGINE WITH OIL" in the Operation section of this manual.

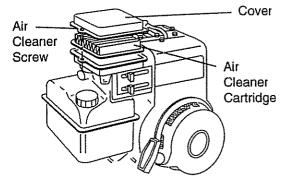


AIR CLEANER

Service air cleaner cartridge every twentyfive hours, more often if engine is used in very dusty conditions.

- Loosen air cleaner screws, one on each side of cover.
- Remove air cleaner cover.
- Carefully remove air cleaner cartridge.
 Be careful. Do not allow dirt or debris to fall into carburetor.
- Clean by tapping gently on a flat surface.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Clean and replace cover. Tighten screws securely.

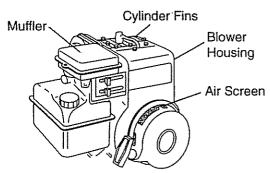
CAUTION: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean or dry cartridge.



COOLING SYSTEM

Your engine is air cooled. For proper engine performance and long life keep your engine clean.

- Clean air screen frequently using a stiffbristled brush.
- Remove blower housing and clean as necessary.
- Keep cylinder fins free of dirt and chaff.



MUFFLER

Do not operate tiller without muffler. Do not tamper with exhaust system. Damaged mufflers or spark arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary. If your engine is equipped with a spark arrester screen assembly, remove every 50 hours for cleaning and inspection. Replace if damaged.

SPARK PLUG

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each tilling season or after every 50 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting is shown in "PROD-UCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 4 of this manual.

TRANSMISSION

Your transmission is sealed and will only require lubrication if it is serviced.

CLEANING

- Clean engine, wheels, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

We do not recommend using a garden hose to clean your unit unless the muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine can result in a shortened engine life.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

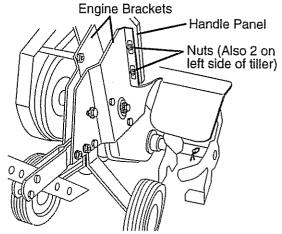
CAUTION: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come into contact with plug.

TILLER

TO ADJUST HANDLE HEIGHT

Factory assembly has provided lowest handle height. Select handle height best suited for your tilling conditions. Handle height will be different when tiller digs into soil.

- If a higher handle height is desired, loosen the four nuts securing handle panel to engine brackets.
- Slide handle panel to desired location.
- Tighten the four nuts securely.



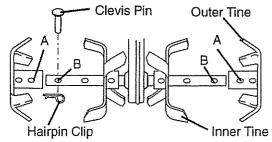
TINE ARRANGEMENT

Your outer tines can be assembled in several different ways to suit your tilling or cultivating needs.

CAUTION: Tines are sharp. Wear gloves or other protection when handling tines.

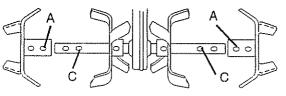
NORMAL TILLING - 17" PATH

 Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "B" in tine shaft.



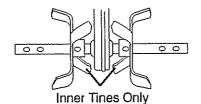
MID-WIDTH TILLING - 15" PATH

• Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "C" in tine shaft.



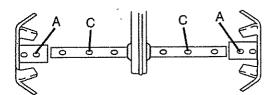
NARROW TILLING/CULTIVATING - 12-3/4" PATH

Remove outer tines.



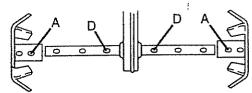
NARROW CULTIVATING - 12-1/2" PATH

- Remove inner tines.
- Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "C" in tine shaft.



EDGING - 9-5/8" PATH

- Remove inner tines.
- Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "D" in tine shaft.



NOTE: When reassembling outer tines, be sure right tine assembly (marked "R") and left tine assembly (marked "L") are mounted to correct side of tine shaft.

TINE OPERATION CHECK

A WARNING: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug to prevent starting while checking tine operation.

For proper tine operation, tine control lever must be against control body and all slack removed from inner wire of control cable when control is in the "OFF" (up) position. If lever and cable are loose, loosen cable clip at lower end of cable. Pull up on cable to remove slack, without extending spring on end of cable, and retighten cable clip. **FINAL CHECK "OFF" POSITION**

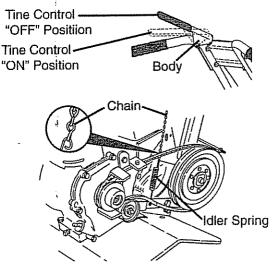
- With tine control "OFF" (up), push down on handle to raise tines off the ground.
- Slowly pull recoil starter handle while observing tines. Tines should not rotate.
- If tines rotate, inner wire of control cable is too tight which is extending lower

spring and engaging tines. Loosen cable clip and push down on cable only enough to relieve spring tension. Tighten cable clip.

Recheck in "OFF" position and adjust if necessary.

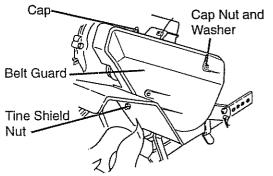
FINAL CHECK "ON" POSITION

- With tine control "ON" (held down to handle) push down on handle to raise tines off the ground.
- Slowly pull recoil starter handle while observing tines. Tines should rotate forward.
- If tines do not rotate, inner wire of control cable is too loose. Loosen cable clip and pull cable up to remove slack and retighten clip.
- Recheck in "ON" position and adjust if necessary.
- **NOTE:** If "ON" position check required adjustment, recheck "OFF" position adjustment to insure tines do not rotate when control is "OFF" (up).



TO REMOVE BELT GUARD

- Remove cap nut and washer from side of belt guard.
- Loosen (do not remove) tine shield nut on underside of tine shield and cap nut on top of belt guard.
- Pull belt guard out and away from unit.
- Replace belt guard by reversing above procedure. Be sure slot in bottom of belt guard is under head of tine shield bolt and all nuts are tightened securely.



TO REPLACE V-BELT

Replace V-belt if it has stretched considerably or if it has cracks or frayed edges. Belt guard must be removed to service belt. See "TO REMOVE BELT GUARD" in this section of manual.

BELT REMOVAL

• Remove V-belt from transmission pulley first and then from engine pulley.

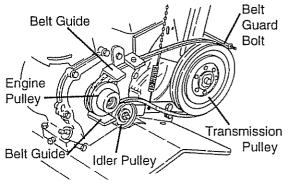
BELT REPLACEMENT

 Install new V-belt to engine pulley first then to transmission pulley.
 Be sure belt is positioned on inside groove of both pulleys, inside all belt guides and rests on idler pulley.

CHECK TINE OPERATION

• See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in this section of manual.

REPLACE BELT GUARD



ENGINE

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR

The carburetor has a high speed fixed jet and has been preset at the factory and adjustment should not be necessary. However, minor adjustments may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load. If the carburetor does need adjustment, proceed as follows.

FINAL SETTING

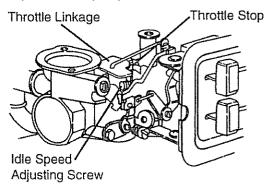
- Start engine and allow to warm for five minutes.
- With throttle control in "SLOW" position.

IDLE RPM ADJUSTMENT

 To adjust idle RPM, rotate throttle linkage counterclockwise and hold against stop while adjusting idle speed adjusting screw to obtain 1750 RPM. Release throttle linkage.

High speed stop is factory adjusted. Do not adjust or damage may result.

IMPORTANT: Never tamper with the engine governor, which is factory set for proper engine speed. overspeeding the engine above the factory high speed setting can be dangerous. If you think the engine-governed high speed needs adjusting, contact your nearest authorized service center/department, which has the proper equipment and experience to make any necessary adjustments.



STORACE

Immediately prepare your tiller for storage at the end of the season or if the unit will not be used for 30 days or more.

CAUTION: Never store the tiller with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TILLER

- Clean entire tiller (See "CLEANING" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).
- Inspect and replace belts, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).
- Lubricate as shown in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual.
- Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary.
- Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

ENGINE

FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposits from forming in essential fuel system parts such as the carburetor, fuel filter, fuel hose, or tank during storage. also, experience indicates that alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage.

- Drain the fuel tank.
- Start the engine and let it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty.
- Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.
- Use fresh fuel next season.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not drain the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer.

ENGINE OIL

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean oil. (See "ENGINE" in the Customer Responsibilities section of this manual).

CYLINDERS

- Remove spark plug.
- Pour 1 ounce (29 ml) of oil through spark plug hole into cylinder.
- Pull starter handle slowly several times to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug.

OTHER

- Do not store gasoline from one season to another.
- Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust. Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems.
- If possible, store your unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your unit with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your unit to rust.

IMPORTANT: Never cover tiller while engine and exhaust areas are still warm.

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PROBLEM		
Will not start	 Out of fuel. Engine not "CHOKED" properly. Engine flooded. Dirty air cleaner. Water in fuel. Clogged fuel tank. Loose spark plug wire. 	 Fill fuel tank. See "TO START ENGINE" in the Operation section. Wait several minutes before attempting to start. Clean or replace air cleaner car tridge. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, and refill tank with fresh gasoline. Remove fuel tank and clean. Make sure spark plug wire is seat ed properly on plug.
	 Bad spark plug or improper gap Carburetor out of adjust- ment. 	 8. Replace spark plug or adjust gap. 9. Make necessary adjustments.
Hard to start	 Throttle control not set properly. Dirty air cleaner. Bad spark plug or improper gap. 	 Place throttle control in "FAST" position. Clean or replace air cleaner car tridge. Replace spark plug or adjust gap.
	 Stale or dirty fuel. Loose spark plug wire. Carburetor out of adjustment. 	 Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Make sure spark plug wire is seat ed properly on plug. Make necessary adjustments.
Loss of power	 Engine is overloaded. Dirty air cleaner. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Oil in fuel. Stale or dirty fuel. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. Clogged fuel tank. Spark plug wire loose. wire. Dirty engine air screen. Dirty/clogged muffler. Carburetor out of adjustment. Poor compression. 	 Set depth stake and wheels for shallower tilling. Clean or replace air cleaner car tridge. Check oil level/change oil. Clean and regap or change spark plug. Drain and clean fuel tank and refill, and clean carburetor. Drain fuel tank and refill with fresh gasoline. Drain fuel tank and carburetor, and refill tank with fresh gasoline. Remove fuel tank and clean. Connect and tighten spark plug Clean engine air screen. Clean/replace muffler. Make necessary adjustments. Contact an authorized Sears Service Center/Department.

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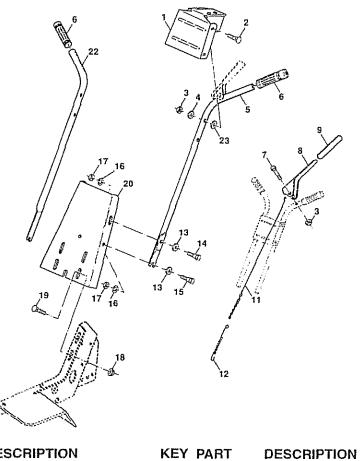
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PROBLEM	CAUSE	CORRECTION
Engine overheats	 Low oil level/dirty oil. Dirty engine air screen. Dirty engine. Partially plugged muffler. Improper carburetor adjustment. 	 Check oil level/change oil. Clean engine air screen. Clean cylinder fins, air screen, muf filer area. Remove and clean muffler. Adjust carburetor to richer posi tion.
Excessive bounce/ difficult handling	 Ground too dry and hard. Wheels and depth stake incorrectly adjusted. 	 Moisten ground or wait for more favorable soil conditions. Adjust wheels and depth stake.
Soil balls up or clumps	1. Ground too wet.	1. Wait for more favorable soil condi tions
Engine runs but tiller won't move	 Tine control is not engaged. V-belt not correctly adjusted. V-belt is off pulley(s). 	 Engage tine control. Inspect/adjust V-belt. Inspect V-belt.
Engine runs but labors when tilling	 Tilling too deep. Throttle control not properly adjusted. Carburetor out of adjustment. 	 Set depth stake for shallower till ing. Check throttle control setting. Make necessary adjustments.

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REPAIR PARTS

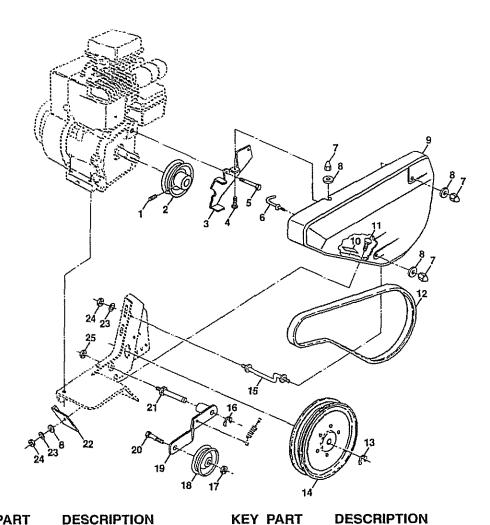
TILLER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.292200 HANDLE ASSEMBLY



DESCRIPTION KEY PART NO. NO.

NO.	NO.		NO.	NO.			
1	137176X574	Bracket, Handle	14	74760516	Bolt, Hex Hd 5/16-18 x 1		
2	72140512	*Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 UNC	15	74760512	Bolt, Hex Hd 5/16-18 x 3/4		
		x 1-1/2	16	10040500	*Washer, Lock 5/16		
3	73680500	*Locknut, Crown 5/16-18	17	7322050	*Nut, Hex 5/16-18		
4	19111116	*Washer 11/32 x 11/16 x 16 Ga	18	98000129	*Nut, Flanged 5/16-18		
5	151473	Handle, L.H	19	72140506	*Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 x 3/4 Gr. 5		
6	9266R	Grip, Handle	20	9209R574	Panel, Handle		
7	74760524	*Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 1-1/2	22	151474	Handle, R H		
8	3069J	Lever, Control, Tine	23	19131312	Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 12 Ga		
9	8206H	Grip, Lever					
11	3067J	Cable, Control, Tine	* ST/	ANDARD HARD	WARE PURCHASE LOCALLY		
12	3070J	Spring, Extension	NOTE:All component dimensions given in U.S. inches				
13	19121414	*Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga		1 inch = 25.4			

REPAIR PARTS TILLER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.292200 BELT GUARD AND PULLEY ASSEMBLY



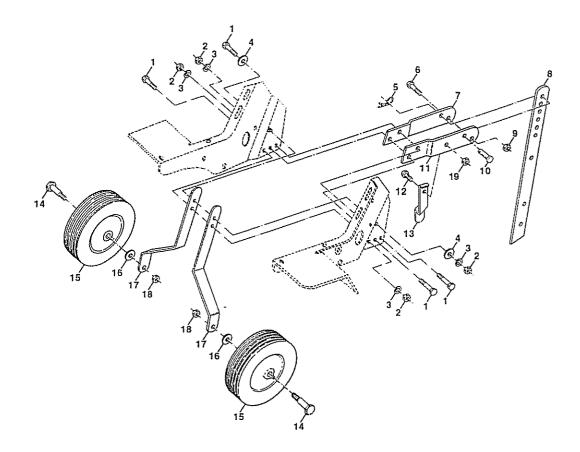
KEY PART NO. NO.

DESCRIPTION

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1	23230506	*Screw, Set, Forged Socket,	15	132213	Bolt, Belt Guard
		Headless 5/16-18 x 3/8	16	12000036	Ring, Klip
2	130811	Pulley, Engine	17	73350600	*Nut, Hex, Jam 3/8-16
з	122955X	Bracket Assembly, Guard, Belt	18	161806	Pulley, Idler
4	72140404	*Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 1/2	19	162290	Idler Arm Assembly
5	74610812	Bolt, Hex 1/2-20 x 3/4	20	74760620	*Bolt, Hex 3/8-16 x 1-1/4
6	121463X	Keeper, Belt, Transmission	21	106968X	Shaft, Idler Arm
		Pulley	22	105358X	Shield, Dirt
7	104213X	Nut, Cap 1/4-20	23	10040400	*Washer Lock 1/4
8	19091016	*Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.	24	73220400	*Nut, Hex 1/4-20
9	131157X574	Guard, Belt	25	73350500	*Nut, Hex, Jam 5/16-18
10	109227X	Pad, Idler			
11	72140406	*Bolt, Carriage 1/4-20 x 3/4	*ST/	ANDARD HAR	DWARE—PURCHASE LOCALLY
12	9179R	V-Belt	NOT	E:All compone	ent dimensions given in U.S. inches.
13	12000028	Ring, Retainer		1 inch = 25	—
14	151939	Pulley, Transmission			

TILLER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.292200 WHEEL AND DEPTH STAKE ASSEMBLY



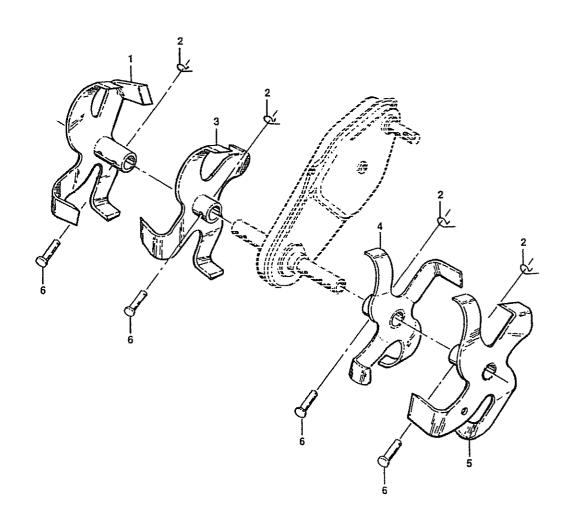
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NO	. NO.		NO. NO.
1	74760520	*Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 1-1/4	13 325J
2	73220500	*Nut, Hex 5/16-18	14 121117X
3	10040500	*Washer, Lock 5/16	15 9186R
4	19121414	*Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga.	16 19131311
5	4921H	Clip, Hairpin	17 9189R
6	74780628	Bolt, Fin, Hex 3/8-16 x 1-3/4	18 73680600
7	318J	Support, Depth Stake, R.H.	19 73800500
8	9193R	Depth Stake	20 74760524
9	73800600	Locknut, W/insert 3/8-16	
10	9551R	Pin, Clevis	* STANDARD H
11	317J	Support, Depth Stake, L.H.	NOTE: All compo
12	74760512	*Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 3/4	1 inch = 2

DESCRIPTION

13	325J	Spring, Depth Stake
14	121117X	Bolt, Shoulder
15	9186R	Wheel
16	19131311	*Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga
17	9189R	Bracket, Wheel
18	73680600	*Nut, Crownlock 3/8-16
19	73800500	Locknut, W/insert 5/16-18
20	74760524	Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 X 1-1/2
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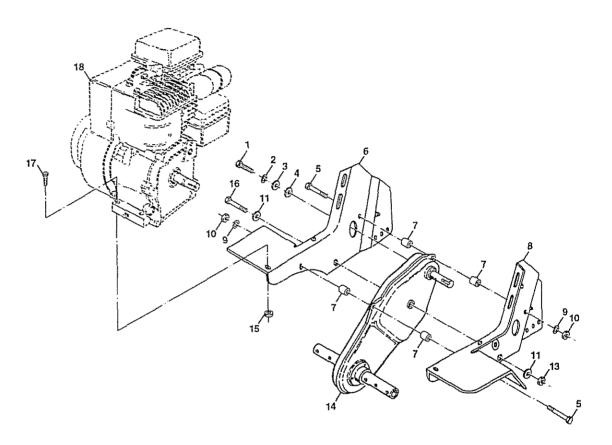
* STANDARD HARDWARE - - PURCHASE LOCALLY NOTE:All component dimensions given in U.S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm

TILLER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.292200 TINE ASSEMBLY



	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO. NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	106860X	Tine, Outer, R H.	4 106857X	Tine, Inner, L.H.
2	4921H	Clip, Hairpin	5 106859X	Tine, Outer, L.H.
3	106858X	Tine, Inner, R.H.	6 9194R	Pin, Clevis

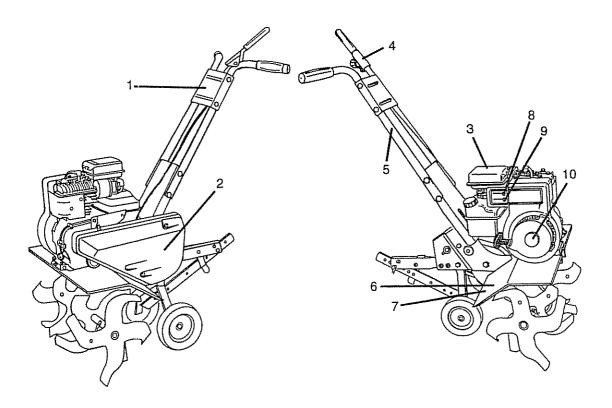
REPAIR PARTS TILLER - - MODEL NUMBER 917.292200 TRANSMISSION



	/ PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		Y PART . NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	74610412	Bolt, Hex 1/4-28 x 3/4 Gr 5	13	73800600	* Locknut, w/insert 3/8-16
2	10040400	 Washer, Lock 1/4 	14	151937	Transmission
3	19092016	Washer 9/32 x 1-1/4 x 16 Ga	15	73510500	* Nut, Keps 5/16-18
4	19091412	Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 12 Ga	16	74780652	* Bolt, Fin, Hex 3/8-16 x 3-1/4
5	74760544	* Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 2-3/4	17	74760524	* Bolt, Hex 5/16-18 x 1-1/2
6	2606J574	Bracket, Engine, R.H.	18		Engine, Briggs & Stratton
7	9173R	Spacer, Split			Model No. 94202-0115-E1
8	132212X574	Bracket, Engine, L.H			
9	10040500	* Washer, Lock 5/16	*STANDARD HARDWARE—PURCHASE LOCALLY		
10	73220500	* Nut, Hex 5/16-18			
11	19131311	* Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga	NOTE: All component dimensions given in U.S. inches. 1 inch = 25 4 mm		

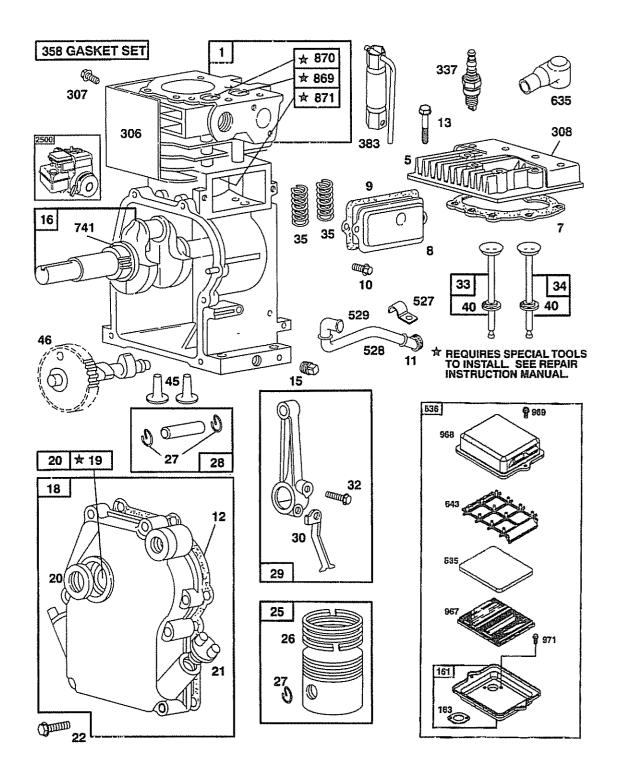
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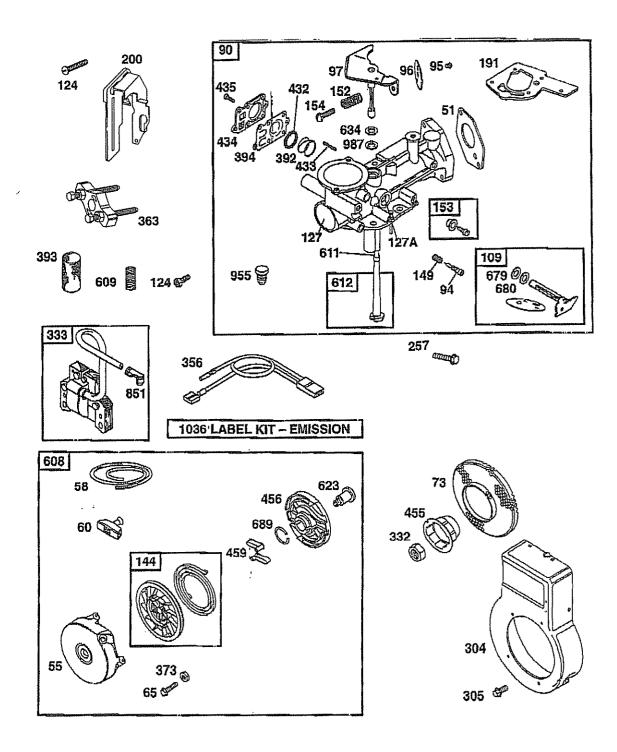


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1	163165	Decal, Logo
2	163322	Decal, Logo
3	110719X	Decal, Oper/Lubrication
4	110655X	Decal, Tine Control
5	120431X	Decal, Hand Placement
6	162215	Decal, Tine Shield Wrng Dom
7	120075X	Decal, Warning, Rotating Tines
8	273871	Decal, Craftsman
9	273603	Decal, Control Speed
10	273873	Decal, 3.75 HP
	163516	Manual, Owner's (English)
	163517	Manual, Owner's (Spanish)

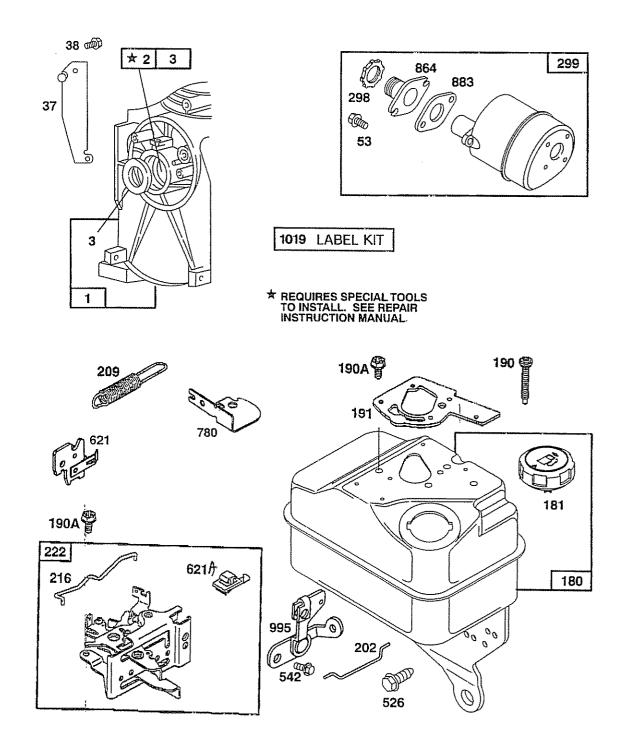
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	PART	DESCRIPTION		PART	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NO.		NO.	NO.	
1	494549	Cylinder Assembly	30	220670	Dipper, Connecting Rod
2	293708	Bushing, Cylinder (Special Tools	32	94699	Screw, Connecting Rod
_		Required For Installation)	33	296676	Valve, Exhaust (Includes Retainer
3	299819	* Seal, Oil			Number 93312)
5	214277	Head, Cylinder	34	296677	Valve, Intake
7	272694	* Gasket, Cylinder Head	35	260552	Spring, Valve
8	495774	Breather, Valve Chamber	37	224557	Guard, Fylwheel
9	27549	→ Gasket, Valve Cover	38	94736	Screw, Hex
10	94621	Screw, Sems, Valve Cover	40	93312	Retainer, Valve Spring
44	66570	Mount	45	230173	Tappet, Valve
11 12	66578	Grommet, Breather Tube	46	493747	Gear, Cam
12	270833	* Gasket, Crankcase, Standard .015"	51	273113	Gasket, Carb, Mounting
	270895	* Gasket, Crankcase .005"	53	94523	Screw, Exhaust
	270896	* Gasket, Crankcase .009"	55	499441	Housing, Rewind, Starter
13	94960	Screw, Cylinder Head	58	281464	Rope, Starter
15	94387	Plug, Oil Drain	60	393152	Grip, Starter Rope
10	54007	(Opposite Carb Side)	65	94904	Screw, Starter, Housing
16	495211	Crankshaft	73	225381	Screen, Rotating
.0	499047	Key, Timing Gear Retaining	90	499941	Carburetor Assembly
18	394820	Cover Assembly, Crankcase	94	231533	Valve, Idle Adjustment
19	293708	Bushing, Crankcase	95	93499	Screw, Slotted
20	299819	* Seal, Oil	96	223793	Valve, Throttle
21	281658	Plug, Oil Filler	97	495313	Shaft and Lever, Throttle
22	94607	Screw, Hex	109	497230	Choke, Shaft Kit
22A	94862	Screw, Hex, (Used In Pos. No. 1)	121	495606	Carburetor, Overhaul Kit
23	496278	Flywheel	124	94616	Screw, Torx
24	222698	Key, Flywheel	127	220352	Plug, Welch
25	498668	Piston Assembly, Standard	127A	223789	Q 1
2.0	498669	Piston Assembly .010" Oversize	144	499901	Pulley/Spring Assy
	498670	Piston Assembly 020" Oversize	149	26336	** Spring, Needle Valve
	498671	Piston Assembly .030" Oversize	152	260575	Spring Throttle Adjustment
26	498680	Ring Set, Piston, Standard	153	490501	Collar, Bell, Crank
	498681	Ring Set, Piston 010" Oversize	154	93527	Screw, Slotted
	498682	Ring Set, Piston .020" Oversize	161	492797	Base, Air Cleaner
	498683	Ring Set, Piston 030" Oversize	163	271935	* Gasket, Air Cleaner
27	26026	Lock, Piston Pin	180	495377	Tank, Fuel
28	298909	Pin Assembly, Piston, Standard	181	494559	Cap, Fuel Tank
	298908	Pin Assembly, Piston 005" Over	190	94919	Screw, Torx
29	294367	Rod Assembly, Connecting	190A	94924	Screw, Torx
	296079	Rod Assembly, Connecting,	191	272489	Gasket, Fuel Tank
		.020" Undersize Crankpin Bore	*	Indicates	Parts Included in Gasket Set

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KEY	PART	DESCRIPTION	KEY	PART	DESCRIPTION
NO.	NO.		NO.	NO.	
200	495213	Blade, Governor	609	265715	Spring, Choke
201	263174	Link, Governor	611	231067	Line, Fuel
202	262470	Link, Throttle	612	391813	Tube, Pickup
209	260041	Spring, Governor	614	93306	Pin, Cotter
216	263188	Link, Choke	616	496818	Crank, Governor
222	499533	Bracket, Control	618	262803 **	
257	93543	Screw, Hex Head	621	296110	Switch, Stop
298	220859	Locknut, Muffler	621A	396847	Switch, Stop
300	493288	Muffler, Exhaust	623	94943	Screw, Shoulder
304	499522	Housing, Blower	634	271853	Washer, Throttle Shaft, Foam
305	94786	Screw, Sems	635	66538	Elbow, Spark Plug
306	224555	Shield, Cylinder	643	280737	Spacer, Air Cleaner
307	93758	Screw, Sems, Cylinder Shield	679	270382	Washer, Choke Shaft, Foam
		Mnt	680	221839	Washer, Choke Shaft
308	224556	Cover, Cylinder Head	689	263073	Spring, Friction
332	94877	Nut, Flywheel	741	261533	Gear, Timing
333	496914	Armature, Magneto	780	225029	Anchor, Spring
334	94731	Screw,Armature Mounting	851	493880	Terminal, Ignition Cable
337	802592	Plug, Spark	864	492232	Adapter Assembly, Muffler
356	497298	Wire, Ground	869	211172	Seat, Intake Valve
358	495605	Gasket Set	870	211291	Seat, Exhaust Valve
363	19203	Puller, Flywheel	871	231348	Guide, Exhaust Valve
373	94908	Nut, Hex		63709	Guide, Intake Valve
383	89838	Wrench, Spark Plug		00.00	(See Repair Manual)
392	262328	Spring, Fuel Pump Diaphragm	883	272203	Gasket, Muffler
393	225058	Screw, Carburetor	955	281227	Plug
394	272538	* Diaphragm	967	491588	Filter, Air
432	221377	Cap, Spring	968	495872	Cover, Air Cleaner
433	93265	Pin, Diaphragm	969	490073	Screw, Slotted Hex,
434	213963	Cover, Diaphragm			(Incl. Grommet)
435	93141	Screw, Diaphragm Cover	971	94902	Screw, Hex
455	225502	Cup, Flywheel	987	398970	Seal, Throttle Shaft
456	281503	Plate, Pawl Friction	995	497195	Control, Throttle
459	281505	Pawl, Ratchet	1036	499329	Label Kit, Emission
526	94914	Screw, Hex	2500	94202-01	
527	223786	Clamp, Breather Tube	······	495914	Replacement Shortblock
528	491435	Filter, Air			
529	67838	Grommet, Breather Tube		RPM Settin	igs: Low: 1200 - 1600
535	491435	Filter, Air			High: 3500 - 3700
536	494279	Air Cleaner Kit			
542	94897	Screw, Hex Head	*	Indicates Pa	irts Included in Gasket Set (494550)
608	499706	Starter Assembly, Rewind			

NOTE: All component dimensions given in U S. inches 1 inch = 25.4 mm

For the repair or replacement parts you need delivered directly to your home
Call 7 am - 7 pm, 7 days a week
1-800-366-PART
(1-800-366-7278)
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For the location of a Sears Parts and Repair Center in your area Call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week **1-800-488-1222**

domicilio - 1-800-676-5811

For information on purchasing a Sears Maintenance Agreement or to inquire about an existing Agreement Call 9 am – 5 pm, Monday–Saturday **1-800-827-6655**

When requesting service or ordering parts, always provide the following information:

- Product Type
 Part Number
- Model Number
 Part Description

